WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today issued the following statement regarding House passage of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, which would give students who grew up in the United States a chance to contribute to our country's well-being by serving in the Armed Forces or pursuing a higher education:

"The DREAM Act is commonsense, bipartisan legislation that will provide millions of young people with the opportunity to achieve the American Dream. While I would have liked to see this bill passed as part of a comprehensive immigration package, I am hopeful that the Obama Administration and this Congress will build on today's success by advocating for additional immigration reforms. America was built on the promise of freedom and opportunity, and the DREAM Act embodies these principles."